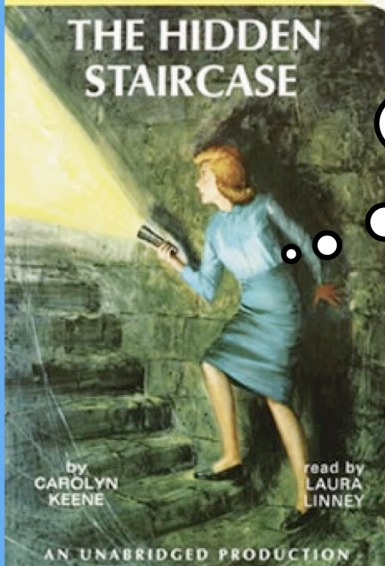


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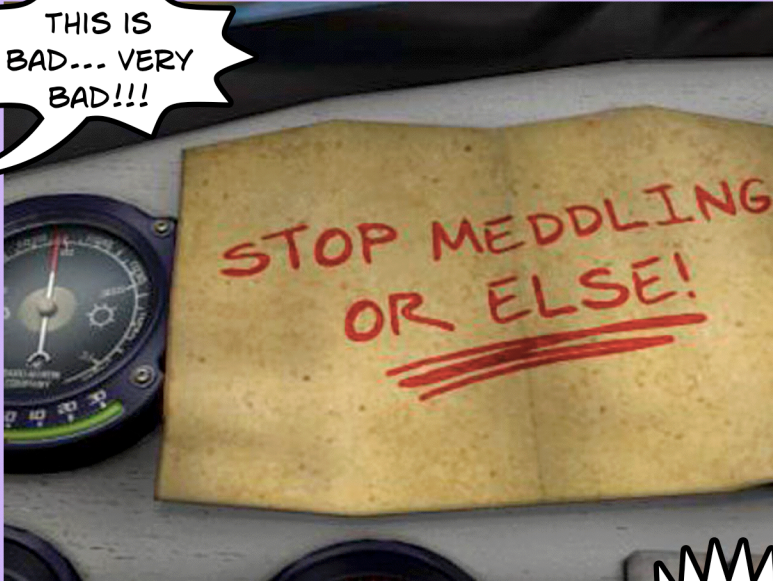


NOW...
WHERE
EXACTLY AM
I?!!

THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE

BY CAROLYN
KEENE

THIS IS
BAD... VERY
BAD!!!



WHEN NANCY IS
ASKED TO SOLVE A
BAFFLING MYSTERY
OF A HAUNTED
HOUSE AND A
ROBBERY, SHE IS
WARNED NOT TO
GO, AND THAT HER
FATHER IS IN
DANGER BY A
STRANGE MAN
NAMED NATHAN
GOMBER.

NANCY--
GOOD
LUCK ON
YOUR NEXT
ADVENTURE!!!

ARE YOU
POSITIVELY
SURE, DAD?
I MEAN...I
DON'T WANT
YOU TO GET
HURT, OR
ANYTHING...



NANCY'S DAD
ASSURES HER THAT HE
IS PERFECTLY FINE,
AND ESCORTS HER TO
THE HAUNTED
HOUSE...WHERE HE
LEAVES NANCY TO THE
WRATH OF THE
GHOSTLY ROBBERS...



WOW! THIS
PLACE IS
SO
COOL!

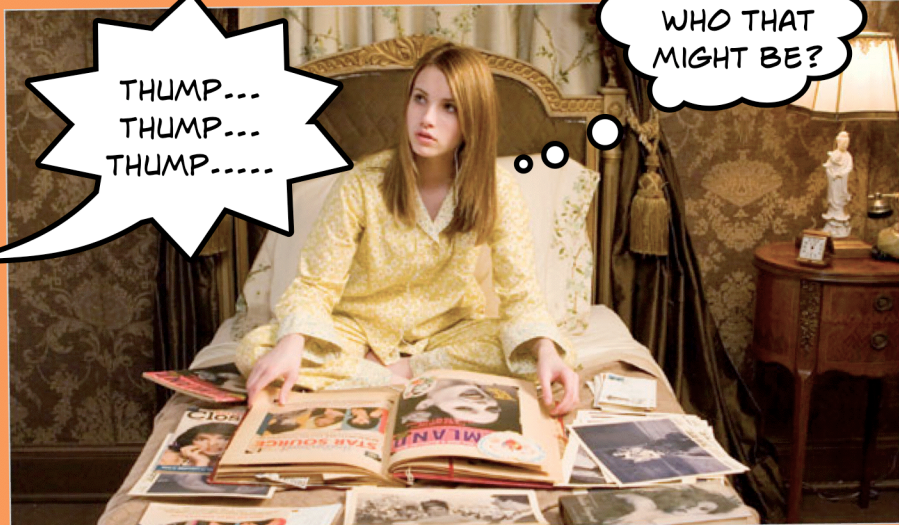
WHEN NANCY REACHES
TWIN ELMS, SHE IS
VERY SURPRISED TO
FIND A RATHER
INNOCENT LOOKING
OLD MANSION, AND
WONDERS HOW IT
COULD POSSIBLY BE
HAUNTED...



NOW WHERE
DID YOU
LAST PUT
IT?

OH NO! A
VERY
VALUABLE
DIAMOND
NECKLACE
JUST WENT
MISSING!

UPON THE ARRIVAL
OF NANCY DREW,
HER FRIEND,
GEORGE, FILLS
HER IN ON THE
HORRIFIC DETAILS
INVOLVING THE
RECENT
ROBBERIES.



THUMP...
THUMP...
THUMP.....

I WONDER
WHO THAT
MIGHT BE?

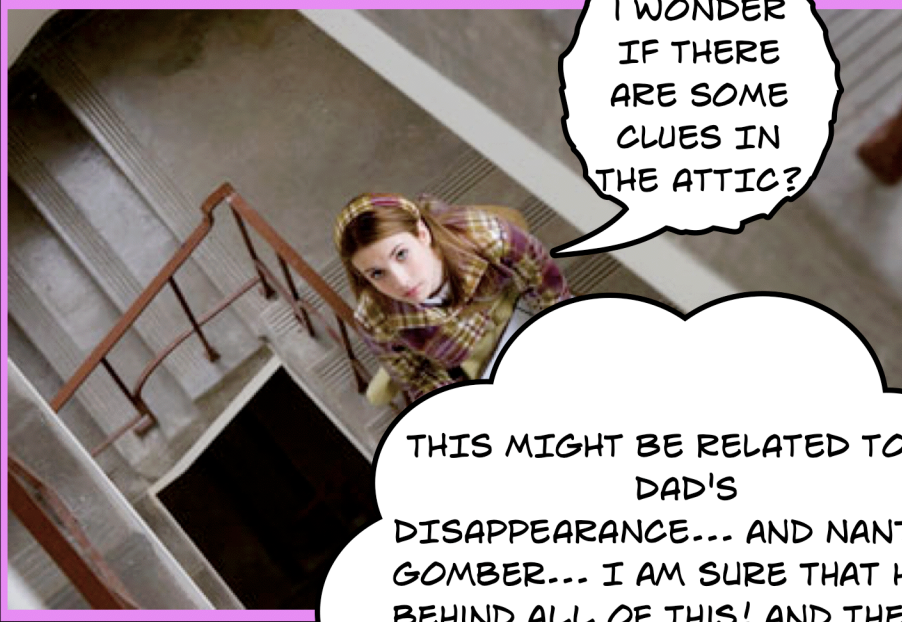
THAT NIGHT, WHILE
EVERYONE ELSE WAS
ASLEEP, NANCY WAS
UP READING, AND
WORRYING WHY HER
DAD HADN'T COME
YET. SHE WORRIES
THAT HER DAD'S
DISAPPEARANCE
MIGHT HAVE
SOMETHING TO DO
WITH THE
WARNING...
SUDDENLY, SHE
THOUGHT THAT SHE
HEARD A SUSPICIOUS
NOISE, AND NANCY,
BEING NANCY, WENT
TO INVESTIGATE...



GRRRRR!

UH OH! LET'S
JUST HOPE
THAT I'M
IMAGINING
THINGS...

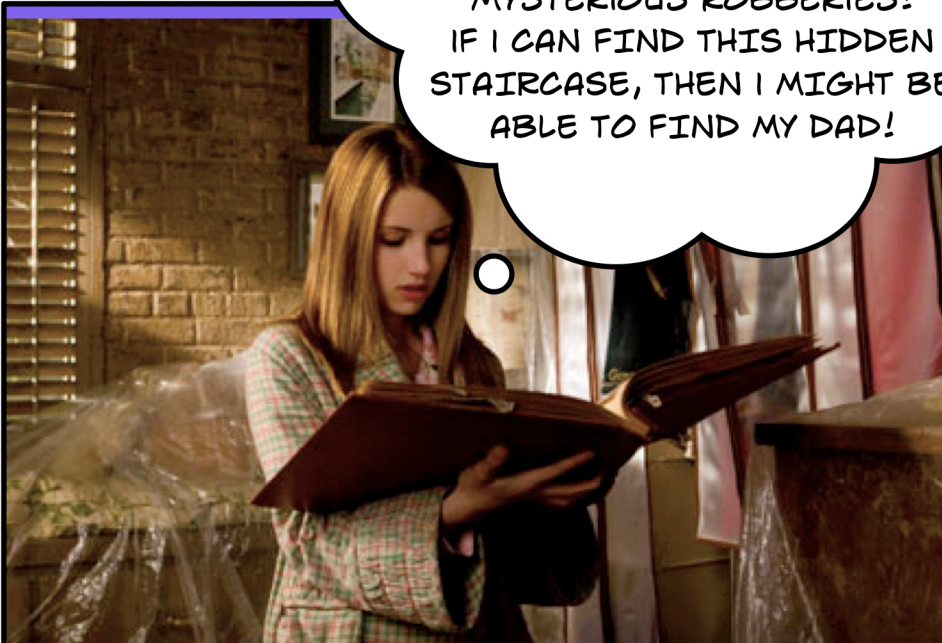
OF COURSE, NANCY
COMES FACE TO
FACE WITH SOME
OTHER MIDNIGHT
SPOOKS AS
WELL... AND
DECIDES TO MAKE
A RUN FOR IT...



I WONDER
IF THERE
ARE SOME
CLUES IN
THE ATTIC?

THIS MIGHT BE RELATED TO MY
DAD'S
DISAPPEARANCE... AND NANTHAN
GOMBER... I AM SURE THAT HE IS
BEHIND ALL OF THIS! AND THE THE
MYSTERIOUS ROBBERIES!
IF I CAN FIND THIS HIDDEN
STAIRCASE, THEN I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO FIND MY DAD!

THE NEXT DAY,
NANCY SEARCHES
THE HOUSE FOR
ANY HIDDEN
PASSAGE
WAYS... AND
WHEN SHE GOES
INTO THE ATTIC...



SHE FINDS A
STRANGE BOOK
WITH A LETTER
FROM THE 1800'S
WHICH HAD ALL
THE ROUTES, AND
THE MAP A HIDDEN
STAIRCASE! SO,
NANCY FINDS THE
STAIRCASE, AND
ASKS THE POLICE
TO HELP HER FIND
HER DAD...



I WONDER
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN IF
I JUST
OPEN THIS
DOOR...

SO, NANCY BRAVELY
FACES THE HIDDEN
STAIRCASE...WITH THE
POLICE TRAILING RIGHT
BEHIND HER... AND AS
SHE ROUNDS A
CORNER...SHE FINDS HER
DAD BEING HELD
HOSTAGE BY... NATHAN
GOMBER!

THANKS DAD!
I'M JUST REALLY
GLAD THAT
GEORGE'S
FAMILY CAN NOW
RELAX BECAUSE
THEY KNOW THAT
THE ROBBER IS
IN JAIL!

MY
SUSPICIONS
OF NATHAN
GOMBER
WERE
RIGHT!

NATHAN GOMBER
WAS SENTENCED TO
JAIL, THE HAUNTED
HOUSE WAS
OFFICIALLY NOT
HAUNTED... AND
EVERYBODY LIVED
HAPPILY EVER AFTER
UNTIL THE NEXT
MYSTERY!

THE END
ANOTHER
MYSTERY HAS
COME AT
LAST! YOU
DID WELL,
NANCY!



WOW!
THERE ARE
ACTUALLY
COMICS
ABOUT
ME!!!!



THE END!

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